

DECISION MEMORANDUM

TO: COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER
COMMISSIONER REDFORD
COMMISSIONER SMITH
COMMISSION SECRETARY
LEGAL
WORKING FILE

FROM: CAROLEE HALL

DATE: SEPTEMBER 10, 2013

RE: FREMONT TELECOM'S TARIFF ADVICE NO. 13-04 REQUESTING
COMMISSION APPROVAL TO UPDATE ITS TARIFF TO REFLECT
THE NAME CHANGE AND CONTACT INFORMATION AS A RESULT
OF THE RECENT ACQUISITION BY BLACKFOOT
TELECOMMUNICATIONS GROUP ("BTG").

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Blackfoot Telecommunications Group ("BTG") recently acquired Fremont from FairPoint Communications. See Case No. FRE-T-12-01. As a result of the acquisition, BTG is actively working to update its tariff to reflect the name change and contact information. There will not be any impact in customer's rates. This is a housekeeping measure.


There will be one change with this filing that is required by the FCC's Transformation Order. It concerns reciprocal compensation language for wireless providers. The FCC mandated that all wireless companies move to Bill and Keep. The Company indicates that relationships with wireless providers are governed by local reciprocal compensation contracts between carriers rather than tariffs; therefore, this change is needed to comply with FCC guidelines.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff has reviewed this filing and finds that the proposed changes will not have an effect on rates, terms or conditions for Fremont customers and recommends approval as a Tariff Advice pursuant to Commission Rule of Procedure 134. The Company requested an expedited

approval date. Because there will be no effect on Customer's rates, terms or conditions, Staff recommends an effective date upon entry of the Commission's minute order.

Does the Commission agree?



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